IN THE WORLD OF FASHION.

GOT. MORTON A GUEST OF JAMES ABERCROMBIE BURDEN.

Notable Republicans at the Dinner A Class of Early Bancers Two Private Parks
That Are Little Known Miss De Forest and Miss Callender Give a Musicale. The social interest of yesterday centred about Gov. Levi P. Morton. The Governor arrived from Albany on Friday evening, and after a short stop at the Hotel Renaissance he was driven to the residence of H. Mc.K. Twombly,

where he was a guest at dinner. The Governor passed Mrs. Morton and the Misses Morton on his way from Albany, Mrs. Morton and her daugnters left town for the Executive Mansion on Friday afternoon. Last evening Gov. Morton was the guest of his

eld friend James Abercrombie Burden at dinner at the Burden residence, 908 Fifth avenue, The other guests of Mr. Burden were John Hobart Warren, Howard King of Albany, Gen. Horace Porter, Cornelius N. Bliss, Col. Le Grand R. Cannon, John J. McCook, Samuel Thorne, John Sloane, Elihu Root, Cornelius Vanderbilt, tames C. Carter, Joseph Larocque, Henry Par ish, Commodore Van Santvoord, Warner Miller, Thomas C. Platt. Frank S. Witherbee, John L. Arts and Prof. Greene of Troy, Andrew Car-negle, John A. Sieicher, H. Walter Webb, Gen. James M. Varnum, Commissioner Waring, Buchanan Winthrep, James Lawrence of Groton, Mass., Dr. W. Seward Webb, James Abercromble Burden, Jr., Theodore Frelinghuysen, Wil-liam D. Sloane, Daniel W. Appleton, and Samuel Siona. Gov. Morton will probably return to Albany this afternoon.

The dancing class patronized by Mrs. Joseph C. Low, Mrs. Anson W. Hard, Mrs. Duncan Harris, Mrs. Anson Phelps Stokes, Mrs. Arthur Peapody, Mrs. Newbold Edgar, Mrs. Iselin, Mrs. Alexander T. Van Nest, Mrs. Alfred Edwards, and Mrs. Walden Pell met last evening at sherry's. Heretofore these dances have been conducted on Friday afternoons for girls from 14 to 16 years old and for youths from 16 to 18 years old. The class this season has gone a step higher. The meetings are held from 8 until 11 e'clock. Two more meetings will follow. Dinper parties by Mrs. Ogden Mills, Mrs. S. V. R. Cruzer, Mrs. Henry Clews, and Mrs. H. Victor omb were incidents of last evening.

Mrs. William E. Strong was somewhat surprised yesterday to read an announcement that she was to give a dinner party last evening in honor of her daughter, Miss Alice Everard Strong. Recently Miss Alice Strong, who is an enthusiast in bicycling, met with an accident while riding her wheel, which, though not serious, involves a tedious recovery. As a result of the fall invitations for a dinner party had to be recalled, and the condition of her health has not yet warranted the reissuing of the invita-

Aside from Gramercy Park residents, few wealthy citizens of this city living below Central Park enjoy the luxury of private narks. Forty years ago, when land was not so valuable, many of the first citizens lived in houses surrounded by carefully kept grounds. There are, however, two private parks in thickly populated parts of the city of which New Yorkers hear little. One is at Fifth avenue and Thirty-seventh street, and the other is in Ninth avenue, near Chelsea aquare.

Twenty years ago the Cushman house at 170 Ninth avenue was considered one of the finest "places" in New York. Sixty years ago Don Alonzo, Cushman, then a prominent city politician, bought a large farm in Chelsea village. Then Mr. Cushman was laughed at, but now the Cushman estate is of great value. The Cushman mansion at 170 Ninth avenue was erected by James Cushman, a bachelor son of Don Alonzo, and a large park stretched back of the house toward Eighth avenue, taking in several acres. Originally the park was cared for at great expense, but as the family separated the garden has not been kept in such perfect trim. At present the Cushman family is in mourning. For a long period the Cushman house has not been the scene of social festivities. The lest garden party was given in the old-fashioned park about two years ago in honor of Ciaud Strickland and Herbert Carus-Wilson of Engpark about two years ago in honor of Claud Strickland and Herbert Carus-Wilson of Eng-

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A brick wall reaching high above the heads of pedesirrians and topped by an iron picket fence encioses a pretty park in the block bounded by Fifth avenue. Thirty-seventh and Thirty-eighth streets. Several years ago a few residents on the lower side of Thirty-eighth street, between Fifth and Madison avenues, made an agreement that each should buy the lot in the rear of his house and that the whole should be thrown into a park, to be enjoyed in common by all. The compact has been kept by the heirs of the original owners. In the course of a generation the trees originally planted have grown to majestic size, casting a generous shade over a beautiful stretch of lawn and winding gravel paths. In winter the children of the owners build snow forts and have snow fights in the large enclosure. The children living in the neighborhood consider it a great favor to be asked into the private park. At great expense each year the park is kept in perfect condition. Those who now have shares in the park are Mr. and Mrs. Samuel P. Avery, Mrs. Elizabeth A. Anderson, Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Wendell, and Mr. and Mrs. Henry Steers. The estimated value of the owners has been trying to buy in the entire plot.

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Miss De Forest and Miss Callender gave a relitant musicale at the Tiffany mansion on riday evening. For several years Miss De over-sland Miss Callender have had the choicest f the superoly furnished apartments in the louse. The entrance is at the right of a great which can be seen the the sof a portcullis. A narrow flight of stone tairs leads to a spacious hall, from which asspines of a porteuills. A narrow flight of stone stars leads to a spacious hall, from which ascend one of the most majestic staircases in any American home. The staircase is twelve feet wide and is of marble. With an easy slope and several turns it leads to a circular chamber, inished in sombre hues and having a domest ceiling. Friday evening the authence of guests lactuded Mr. and Mrs. John Jacob Astor, Mr. and Mrs. Edmund L. Baylies, Mme. De Harrie, Misa De Barrie, Masquis and Marquise de Langier-Villers, Sr. Kodierick Cameron, Mr. and Mrs. Duncan Elliou, Mrs. Frederick H. Betts, Mrs. James Harriman, Mrs. August Montant, Mrs. Richard Montinger, and Mrs. Casper Griswold. Anton Seid, Mrs. Typer Button, Victor Harris, and M. Platton were among the artists. The programme opened with the overture from Mendissonia's Midsummer Night's Dream," included the aria from "Don Carlos," Elsa's Dresm, from "Lobengrin," and aria from "Le Cit," and macluded with the prefude and finale from 'it stain und Isoide." Miss De Forest's and Mas Callender's second musicale will occur of Am. 31.

at disappointment has been expressed that the private symphony concerts, so popular for two seasons post, are not to be taken up again this winter.

The autouncement was made resterday of the entagement of Miss Silvie L. Strong, daughter of Ar. and Mrs. James H. Strong of 144 East. Thirty dith street, to Robert Dun Westcute. Mass Strong, who is one of this season's deoutanes, is heiress to a considerable fortune. She is well known in society, being connected with the Berry man and other prominent families.

Scenes and songs from "Trilby" will be given at Sherry's on Faturday afternoon and evening. Feb. 5 for the benefit of the Kindergarten Association. Several well-known amateurs will take part in the tableaux and Mackenzie Gordon will par in the tableaux and Mackenzie Gordon will sing. Among the patrons and patronesses are: Mrs. Robert Abde, Mrs. James A. Burden, Mrs. Arthur M. Dodge, Mrs. Arthur M. Dodge, Mrs. Callen, Mrs. Arthur M. Dodge, Mrs. Charles H. Ditson, Mrs. J. Henry Harper, Mrs. Charles H. Ditson, Mrs. Henry Harper, Mrs. Laurenge Hutton, Mrs. Edward R. Hewitt, Mrs. Seth Leer, Mrs. Bainsford, Mrs. Charles H. Russell, Mrs. Gustav Schward, Mrs. William L. Steiner, Mrs. James B. Alexander, Mr. Richard Walton Golden, H. R. Alexander, Mr. Richard Walton Golden, the Rev. Dr. David H. Greer, and Mr. Hamilton W. Mahle.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. A. Thackston of 118 West Thirteenth street have sent out invitations for the wedding of their daughter. Miss Mary Allen Thariston, to Frederick Henry Brooks, at the Central Methodist Church, Seventh avenue and Futurenth street, on Jan. 24, et 8 P. M.

On Torselay evening a reception at the Palma Claims of bring out all the fashionable residents of β and β and β

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of Me Avoy, a longshoreman, who lives at 21 West Houston street, was arrested on Fri-German by Central Office Detective Bouwas trying to pawn a scalskin a sixth avenue pawn shop. The sacque of a pain. Mr Avoy asked for a lean of the pawn-broker became suspicious to set him have any money at all the broken was in the pawn shop, he Avey on suspicion of having stolen lies. Mr Avox could not tell how he came become on of it. e Samme resterday held him in \$1,000 standardion on Monday, in order to defective a chance to find an owner for

To Accept a Honoinin Pastorate. Bospox, Jan. 19.—The Rev. D. P. Birnie, pasfor of the Aliston Congregational Church So-J. one of the wealthiest churches in the ghoo district, has resigned, to accept a call build to him by the Central Union Congre-sonal Church at Honolulu.

MUSIC AND MUSICIANS.

The Public's Attitude Toward Novelties-

In view of the demand for novelties at the olitan, it is not untimely to consider the attitude of the public toward the most important of the productions which Abbey & Grau have given this season. This was "Otello," a work not new to this city, but certainly unknown to the majority of operagoers. It was presented with the two singers in the leading rôles whom Verdi selected as the artists most capable of creating the parts of Otello and Ingo. They were Victor Maurel and Francesco Tamagno. Mme. Eames is simost an ideal Desir-mona, and this splendid trio could not be equalled in any other opera house in the world. Signor Tamagno has not proved popular in New York this winter, but his perfe ance of Otello has received the approval of the composer of the opera. Appropriate scenery and incidental embellishments have been lavishly supplied for the revival of the opera. But in a popular sense it has failed completely. It has been said that at one of the performances only fifty-six seats were sold in the orchestra in addition to the subscription, such was the reception the opera met, although it had every adjunct which it was possible for its management to supply. It cannot be argued that New Yorkers do not like the opera for they have never yet gone to hear it. It has failed without a hearing so far as the public is concerned. On the other hand Bemberg's "Elaine" was sung

gone to hear it. It has falled without a hearing so far as the public is concerned. On the other hand Bemberg's "Elaine" was sung at both of its productions to large audiences, attracted in great measure by the remarkable excellence of the singers in the cast. Possibly if Jean de Rearke had sung Otello, the result might have been different, for it is one fact of the opera season that Signor Tamagno has completely failed to gain any public. But the fact remains that a splendid work like "Otello," performed admirably, has been sung to poor houses, and that it has been ignored persistently by the public. In view of this attitude toward unfamiliar works, Maurice Gran is entirely justified in presenting only "Carmen," "Lohengrin," "The Hugmenots," and "Faust," so long as the public indicates so stolid a determination to hear only these operas. The performances at the Metropolitan are not philanthropic enterprises devoted to the cultivation of public taste. Even if they had such a purpose, they would fail so long as the new works never received a hearing by the public. Undoubtedly there have been operas in the bill at the Metropolitan this winter which seem to deserve no place in a season limited to less than 100 performances, but if the public indicates in the most effective way in its power that it prefers the old works, or "Elaine" to "Otello" and "Falstaff"—it is entirely safe to predict the popular attitude toward this work—it cannot be expected that the management will provide anythine, else. The season at the Metropolitan is too short to enable an opera unassisted by the vogue of some popular performer to gain public favor in the few representations which can be granted to each work so long as the public holds aloof from it at the outset. The expense of producing a new opera is too great to be often attempted, and the discouraging indication to the managerial mind that they are undertaken with the idea of drawing audiences. When they fail to do this it is an indication to the managerial mind that they are unde

The fact that a positive date has been announced for the production of Verdi's "Fal-staff" is the most interesting feature of the week's programme of opera. This most important novelty of the season will be given one week from to-morrow night, unless further week from to-morrow night, unless further postponement be found necessary. The cast is so good in most of its individual features that it is to be hoped that the ensemble will be rendered perfect by sufficient rehearsal. Naturally the Falstaf of Victor Maurel is the performance which will attract most attention. He was selected by Verdi to create the rôle. The other singers include Mmes. Eames, De Lussan, Scalchi, and De Vigne, and MM. Russitano, Campanari, and Castlemary. Signor Maneinelli will conduct. The only other novelty likely to be heard this season is St. Saëns's "Samson and Delila," which has been in rehearsal for some time. Whether or not it will be heard this year is still uncertain.

Huguenots," with its seven-dollar cast; but it can be heard this time at the usual prices, which seems to have been a very good joke on the part of Messrs. Abbey & Grau. If it can be given tomorrow night at the usual prices, there does not seem to be any reason for the charge of \$7 when it was sung first this year. The familiar cast includes Mmes. Melba, Scalchi, and Norcast includes Mmes. Melba, Scalchi, and Nordica, and MM. Jean and Edouard de Reszke,
Maurel, and Plançon, a very remarkable aggregation of singers. On Wednesday evening the
cast of "Lohengrin" will present Mme. Eames
as Elea for the first time this year. Signor Ancona returns to Telramand. Jean de Reszke will
of course sing Lohengrin. On Friday "Semiramide" will be heard at the solitary performance
the opera will have this season. The cast includes Mmes. Melba and Scalchi and MM.
Edouard de Reszke, Mauguière, and Castelmary.
At the Saturday matinée "Manon" will be
given. At the popular price performance in the
evening "Faust" will be sung, with either Mme.
Eames or Melba as Marquerde.

At the performance of "Cavalleria Rusti. cana" at the opera last week Signor Tamagno gave one of those delightful exhibitions of artis tic feeling which have endeared him so much to New York audiences that it has been recognized that there are two ways of keeping people out of the opera. One of them is to lock the doors and the other is to announce Signor Tamagno, methods almost equally effective. At the close methods almost equally effective. At the close of the duet between Santunza and Turuidu, Mile. Heller, after her speech at the church door, falls to the ground. Her share in the duet was so well sung and acted that the audience applanded liberally. At the first sound of the applanted Signor Tamagno darted from behind the church, lifted the prostrate Santunza, and the two singers bowed to the saulience. The applause continued, and Signor Tamagno led Mile. Heller down to the footlights to repeat the due, Signor Bevignani had 2topped the music, of course, while the scene was in progress, and apparently had no idea of repeating the duet. So a vigorous three-cornered conversation went on until the exchestra began again to play the duet and Mile. Heller turned her back to the audience to arrange her features again in an expression appropriate to the feelings of the distracted Santunza. Then the duet was gone through with again just as tempesthously and dramatically as though it had not been sung in the same style a few minutes before. When it was finished and the applause commenced mildly and Mile. Heller had for a second time fallen to the floor, Signor Tamagno was again around in view of the audience heiping Mile. Heller to rise and acknowledge the very faint applause which followed the repetition of the duet. of the duet between Santuzza and Turiddu, Mile.

There comes from Madrid the news that the white-voiced De Lucia. who was with us last year, has become such a favorite at the opera in Madrid that he was the subject of a demonstration made by his admirers, who seem to be the unaristocratic patrons of the gallery. Masini, long a popular tenor in Madrid, was about to retire from the company, and his admirers demanded of the management that he be retained. De Lucia was the favorite of that part of the bubble opposed to Macini, and during the agitation of the subject "Carmen" was sung, with De Lucia as Don Jose. Masini's friends filled the house, and the first expression of their feeling followed some bad singing of the women's chorus in the Wirst act. A false note from one of the vornets occasioned a more violent outbreak. When he Lucia shally reappeared the agitation centred about him. His friends applicated, while Masin's hissed, and the curtain was lowered long enough for the police to arrest the most violent of the older tenor's partisans. When this was accomplished the performance proceeded and resulted linally in a complete triumph for De Lucia. manded of the management that he be retained.

It seems that the young man who succeeded in winding up the last performance of "Lohengrin" to the merriment of the audience was su understudy, the usual performer in this part having succumbed, after the manner, of some of his better known associates, to an attack of the grip. How this scene will be managed on Wednesday night remains to be seen. but it is unusual that the part should be intrusted to a mature performer. Elas's brother s supposed to be a child eight or ten years old. and the part should be played by a young person. There would be no risk in making the experiment with a child, as the scene could not be more unimpressively sortormed than it usually is. The per-

former who distinguished himself especially last week was with difficulty prevented from taking the curtain call after the opera. When the principal singers were passing through the door onto the stage he slipped into the line, and had it not been for M. Plangon, who seems to have rison with unusual boliness to the situation. Elsa and her brother would have bowed to the audience hand in hand.

It seems curious that there could be found among the fine sopranos of the opera company no singer for such a routine rôle as Gilda for the performance of "Rigoletto" in Philadelphia on Thursday. There has already been codsiderable diseatisfaction in Philadelphia over the performance, and the loss of Melba and Maurel will probably increase the slighted feeling which Philadelphia is said to nurse at present because the performances given there are not exact reproductions of the operas as they are sung hore.

"Elaine" is to have one more performance this season. "Lakme" will be given with Jean de Reszke and Melba in the principal parts. This prima donna goes to the Opera Comique in Paris for a month after the conclusion of her American season. Report has placed her salary there at the low figure of \$300 a night, which is less than one-third of what each appearance at the Metropolitan brings her. But while singers the Metropolitan brings her. But while singers are making their fortunes in America, England, or Russia, they are often willing to return to Paris for the sake of the artistic gain of their appearance there. Paris usually makes their reputation, and it is no more than just that they should return occasionally for the sake of the art of the thing. Melba is to sing Lakmé and Manon during her season at the Opera Comique, and the performances here will make her familiar with the music of the heroine in Delibes's opera. Jean de Reszke has never been heard here in the work. It was last sung three years ago, with Marie Van Zandt and Montanol, who died last summer in Paris.

Rossini's "Stabat Mater" will be sung at the concert to-night with a full chorus and orchesscalchi and MM. Tamagno and Plancon. Sig. Tamagno will also sing an aria by Guaga. The orchestral numbers include Wagner's "Huidigung March." Lalo's "Norwegian Rhapsody." List's Polonaise, and a suite from Moszkowski's "Nations." Mr. Seidi will conduct.

Frieda Simonson, the child planiste, and Juanito Manen, the boy violinist, are to give a recital next Tuesday afternoon in Mendelssohn diec Club Hall. Both players are to essay some ambitious numbers. Miss Simonson is to be heard in excepts from Bach, Handel, Schubert, and Chopin, and Manen in Wieniawski's "La Champètre," and a Beethoven number.

"The Creation" will be presented again this evening in Carnegle Hall, and it is announced to be the last performance of the oratorio this season. Miss Lillian Blauveit, Mr. Leonard E. Auty and Emil Fischer are to be the soloists. The Symphony Orchestra will play, and the entire oratorio chorus of 400 voices is to take part. Mr. Walter Damrosca will direct the performance.

Ysaye is to give his third recital in Carnegie Hall next Thursday afternoon, when he is to be assisted by M. Aime Lachaume, pianist. Beethoven's "Sonata in G Major" is to be played by both artista, and Ysaye's other numbers are very interesting selections by Hach Liszt, Joachim, and Beethoven, and Wilhelm's arrangement of the prize song from "The Meistersinger."

Mr. James Fitch Thomson, baritone, is to give the third of his series of song recitals at the Waldorf on next Tuesday afternoon. The pro-gramme is varied and highly interesting.

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Mr. Walter Damrosch will begin to-morrow afternoon in Chamber Music Hail, Carnegie building, a series of six explanatory recitals at the piano on the Nibelungen Trilogy, as an introductory of the season of German opera which opens on Feb. 25. At the recitals Mr. Damrosch will play most of the music of the opera under review, explaining its poetical and dramatic significance, and also reciting the text in English. At to-morrow's recital the subjects will be "Rheingold" and the first act of "Die Walkire." The second recital will be on Wednesday afternoon, when he will treat of the second and third acts of "Die Walkire." The recitals will be continued on succeeding Morrely and Wednesdays of the two weeks following.

The Seidl Society of Brooklyn is making prep-The Seidi Society of Brooklyn is making preparations for its fourth concert of this season, which promise to make it one of the most interesting musical events of the winter across the bridge. It is to be given on Tuesday evening. Feb. 5, in the Academy of Music. Ysave, the famous violinist, is to be the soloist, and is to make two appearances on the programme. This attraction in itself is guarantee of the success of the concert. Seidi is to lead his orchestra in a number of notable selections.

Judgment Against Clapp & Co., Stock Bro-

Judgment for \$9,543 was docketed yesterday against Dwight O. Clapp and Mary C. Clapp (Clapp & Co.), stock brokers of this city, in favor of Wm. S. Halliburton, but the firm obtained a thirty days' stay after notice of entry of judgment. The matter arose out of wheat transactions. Mr. Halliburton alleges that on Sept. 28,1891, an account was started between the firm and Brodie L. Duke of Durham, N. C., by which there was due Mr. Duke \$7,489, and by which there was due Mr. Duke \$7,460, and that the claim was assigned to Halliburton on April 4, 1893. Clapp & Co. next put in a counter claim to the effect that an account was started with Mr. Dukeon Aug. 17, 1891, whereby Mr. Duke owed the firm \$7,608. They said that the account was conducted in the name of H. J. Bass & Co., but that the name was fictitious and the purchases and sales were really for Mr. Duke. Mr. Halliburton, as an answer to the counter claim, set up that H. J. Bass & Co., that Mr. Duke was not a member of that firm, and that the transactions were conducted with Mr. Bass alone. Also that the transactions conducted in the name of H. J. Bass & Co. were not actually delivered, but were mere wagers on the price of wheat.

DAMAGES FOR TENEMENT DEATHS Against the Landlord Who, it is Alleged, Kept the House Unhealthy.

Judgment was entered by default yesterday in the Superior Court in two suits brought by John M. Bajart as adminstrator of the estates of Thomas and Jane Bajart, his children, against Frederick Roth. The judgment in each case was for \$1,000 and \$02.13 costs.

Last April the plaintiff was living with his children in the tenement at 769 Amsterdam avence, which belonged to Roth. He states that the landlotd refused to keep the house in proper repair: that the Board of Health directed him to put the house in proper sanitary condition, but that he failed to do so. In consequence of the needlet of the landlord, the plaintiff says, his children were taken ill, and Thomas died on April 8 and Jane on the 19th of the same month. He brought the suit as the administrator of the children. Thomas and Jane Bajart, his children, against

The Gravesend Police Justiceship Mayor Schieren, Comptroller Palmer, and City Auditor Sutton of Brooklyn met yesterday to onsider the appointment of a Police Justice for the Gravesend district. Mayor Schieren named J. Lott Nostrand, and Mr. Palmer and named J. Lott. Nostrand, and Mr. Palmer and Mr. Sutton acquiesced. Mr. Nostrand is a law-yer and a resident of the Thirtieth ward, which was formerly the town of New Utrecht. He is Vice-President of the Eighth Ward Hank. He is a Republican and was once defeated in a contest for the Assembly and also for the County Treasurership. There were twenty candidates for the place. The salary is \$5,000 a year, and the term is five years.

Killed by a Blow of a Fist,

BUFFALO, Jan. 10.-Samuel Cormick died at the General Hospital on Thursday from what was pronounced asphyxia from coal gas. He was found on Tuesday afternoon unconscious in the yard of the Citizens' Gas Company and in the yard of the Citizens cas Company and continued so until be died. A post-mortem showed a great clot of blood at the base of the brain, caused by a ruptured blood vessel, due to a blow upon the head. Last night Louis till-bert, an employee at the gas house, told the police that tormick was killed by a blow of the first dealt him by Owen Daley, a companion, who came into the gas house with Covanick to get warm. The police are looking for Daley.

Mrs. Isham Wants to Make a Counter Charge.

Juliet Calhoun Isham, who is the defendant in suit for absolute divorce brought in the Supreme Court in Brooklyn by Henry Heyward Isham, a wealthy real estate broker, resterday applied for permission to submit an amended abover, her first being merely a general denial, she now desires to make a counter charge of instellity against her instant, alleging improper relations between him and Matrida B. Decker, who was employed as a nurse in the family. Dr. Frans, I. Abbatt, a well-known dentist, is the co-respondent in the suit against Mrs. Isham. faham, a wealthy real estate broker, resterday

Easy for the Thieves.

Thieves cut a big square out of the plate-glass window of Millington's store at 108 West 125th window of Minington a store at 10s West 17sth street early resterday morning and stole upward of \$100 worth of overcoats and gentlemen's apparet through the opening.

The thorough fare is brilliantly lighted by electricity, but there are times when the electric lights give out temporarily, and the burghars may have taken advantage of one of these periods of temporary darkness. R. W. CHAPIN GOES TO AFRICA. a Business Trip, It Is Stated-Two Large Judgments Against Pin

Robert W. Chapin, Vice-President of the In-

gersoll-Sargent Rock Drill Company, whose

office is at 26 Cortlandt street, with works at Easton, Pa., has gone to South Africa. It is stated that he goes on in portant business connected with his company, whose drills are used in the diamond mines there. Mr. Chapin, it was said at his office, sailed on Wednesday, and it was not known how long he would be away. Before leaving, Mr. Chapin confessed a judgment for \$51,100 in favor of his brother, Alexment for \$51,100 in favor of his brother, Alexander C. Chapin, but the document was not filed of record until Thursday afternoon. The judgment was for money loaned a year ago on a note. No execution was issued to the Sheriff.

Ten days ago Carter, Hughes & Dwight obtained a judgment sagainst Robert W. Chapin for \$20,730 in favor of Edward Wright of Toronto, and execution was issued to the Sheriff. Mr. Carter said yesterday that the judgment was on a contract of indemnity on a judgment rendered in Ontario, Canalia. The suit was begun here in December, 1802. Mr. Chapin made a stout fight, but judgment was finally obtained against him for \$20,378 damages and costs \$372. Mr. Chapin had served notice of appeal to the General Term, but had not died the necessary bond on the appeal, so that the execution was not yet stayed.

Mr. Chapin is said to be a grandson of the late Chester Chapin of Springfield, Mass., the railroad magnate, and has been interested in rock drills for the past ten years. In 1890 he became interested in a mining property in Canada, known as the Mattawal Mining and Smelting Company. When the company was about ready to commence mining the water from an adjoining lake broke into the shafts and swamped the mine. Mr. Chapin is said to have lost a large amount of money in the venture. ander C. Chapin, but the document was not

LOCAL BUSINESS TROUBLES. Failure of Furrier Herpich-Banker Simi-lari Closes Up.

Charles A. Herpich, manufacturer of furs at 93 Mercer street, failed yesterday and confessed judgments for \$23.861 to the following persons: Matilda Herpich, \$12,882, for money loaned between May 9, 1887, and July 12, 1894; Frederick Hoffman, \$9,513, for money loaned be tween April 28, 1879, and May 3, 1881; Hallgarten & Co., \$1,466, for skins,

After starting in business, forty-two years ago, Mr. Herpich went along without any financial trouble until 1877, when he asked his creditors for an extension running over 316 years, which was granted, the liabilities being \$300,000 and the assets \$400,000. He paid off his old liabilithe assets \$400,000. He paid off his old liabilities in full and went along until December, 1880, when foreign creditors attached him for \$100,000, and he made an assignment. His liabilities then were \$230,000 and his assets \$280,000. He compromised with the foreign creditors at 37% cents and the domestic at 25 cents. His liabilities are about \$130,000, most of them due in Europe. The value of the assets is problematical.

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Deputy Sheriff Lipsky received yesterday an attachment against Leonardo Similari, Italian banker at 81 Bayard street, for \$800 in favor of Isillo Maccolini for money deposited. The attachment was obtained on the ground that similari had disposed of his property. When the Sheriff went there yesterday he found the place deserted. Maccolini stated that on Jan. 6 there was \$600 or \$700 displayed in the window, but that Similari put the money in his pocket and went home.

The Sheriff received yesterday an execution for \$871 against Wilson & Lewis, stationers at 16 West 125th street, in favor of Thomas H. Fitzgerald.

Fitzgerald.

Samuel A. Byers, dealer in shoes at 565 Fulton street. Brooklyn, has made an assignment to William H. Collins, giving preferences for \$11,-

ESCAPES THE DEATH CHAIR. The Jury Disagree and Marriott Pleads Guilty of Masslaughter.

ALBANY, Jan. 19.-The jury in the Marriott nurder case came in this morning in the United States Circuit Court and reported a disagreement. They stood seven for conviction and five for acquittal. Marriott then pleaded guilty to

for acquittal. Marriott then pleaded guilty to manslaughter and was sentenced by Judge Wallace to eight years in the Eric county penitentiary and to pay \$100 fine.

Marriott's crime was the killing of First Sergeant Schuler at Fort Porter, Buffalo, on Oct. 12, 1894. Both were sergeants of Company A. Thirteenth Regiment, U. S. A., which came here a few weeks previously from Fort Reno. There appears to have been bad blood between the two men. Marriott on the lieving Schuler to be persecuting him, he having had occasion to report Marriott on several occasions for drunkenness. Marriott had been on a spree, and on the morning of the tragedy had been reprimanded therefor. He returned to the barracks, and, procuring a rifle, fired at Schuler, who was sitting at his desk making out his report. The bullet entered Schuler's side, inflicting a wound from which he died the following day. Marriott said that the rifle was discharged by accident while he was cleaning it.

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A Petty Check Swindle Tried in Many Cities—Two Men Arrested.

CLEVELAND, O., Jan. 19.—A new check swindle has been in operation lately, but its operators were caught in Eric, Pa. Post Office Inspector Salmon, who was here yesterday, made the arrests. Two men were engaged in the scheme. One would write a letter to a Catholic priest, representing himself as an aged philanthropist and devout Catholic, bespeaking the good offices of the priest in the interest of a "worthy young man," who was en route to New York, where he had secured a situation in a large publishing house. The letter would contain a check for \$20, with the explanation that the young man would stop over and call on the priest, who would confer a great favor on the shilanthropist and clean out the agency, because the proprietor who to law, and repairing to Yorkville Court they laid the matter before Justice Ryan, who told them to see Mrs. Wolff, and in default of satisfactors yesttlement to come back yesterday morning for summonses for all concerned. They saw Mrs. Wolff, who was much aging the price of the priest in the interest of a "worthy young man," who was en route to New York, where he had secured a situation in a large publishing house. The letter would contain a check for \$20, with the explanation that the young man would stop over and clean out the agency, because the proprietor and clean out the agency, because the proprietor when the wrong sex to thrash. So they decided to go to law, and repairing to Yorkville Court they laid the matter before Justice Ryan, who told them to see Mrs. Wolff, and in default of satisfactory settlement to come back yesterday morning for summonses for all concerned. They saw Mrs. Wolff, who was much aging the price of the priest in the interest of a "worthy young man," who was en route to New York, where he had clean out the agency, because the proprietor and clean out the agency, because the proprietor and clean out the agency, because the proof of the wrong sex to thrash. So they house. The letter would contain a check for \$20, with the explanation that the young man would stop over and call on the priest, who would confer a great favor on the philanthropis and the worthy young man by cashing the cheek.

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No sooner would the letter be delivered to the priest than the young man would arrive, and in every case the money was forthcoming. Priests in Peorla, St. Louis, Cincinnati, Dayton, and priests in Peorla, St. Louis, Cincinnati, Dayton, Priests in Peorla and Peorla and Peorla and Priests in Peorla and Peorla Louisville, and many other cities were victim-ized. Cincinnati making the largest contribu-tions. The men under arrest have many aliases, among which are Werner and Bernard.

THIEVES IN A DETECTIVE'S ROOM. A Chicago Police Officer Finds that His Desk Has Been Robbed

CHICAGO, Jan. 19,-Detective Andy Rohan sat down to his desk in the Central station last night and drew the drawer open. He began a search for a photograph of "Kid" O'Brien, who was caugh: robbing a safe in Rochester, N. Y., on Wednesday. The photograph was in the drawer when Detective Rohan left for New Ordrawer when Detective Rohan left for New Orleans last week. It was not there last night,
Several pictures of well-known criminals were
missing also, as well as a number of medals
which have been presented to the detective in
recent years. The detective could not understand the absence of the articles.

"I guess there have been burglars at work
here while I was away," said he. He made an
examination of the drawer. When this was
done he reported to Inspector Shea:
"Some one inserted a Timmy in the drawer
of my desk. The marks are very plainly to be
seen. It is a pity that burglars cannot be kept
out of the station."

The Body of Miss Stevenson Taken Home ASHEVILLE, N. C., Jan 19.-There was a brief funeral service at the Battery Park Hotel at 2:30 this afternoon over the remains of Vice-President Stevenson's daughter, Mary Stevenson, conducted by the Rev. R. F. Campbell, passon, conducted by the Key. R. F. Campbell, pas-tor of the First Presbyterian Church. The florad-offarings were profuse. The funeral car left here at 3.3d o'clock this afternoon attached to the westbound train. It will reach Blooming-ton late on Sunday night, where the remains will be taken to the residence of John C. Stev-enson, brother of the Vice-President. The fu-heral will be held from the Second Presby-terian Church Monday, at 2 P. M.

Receiver Grant's Accounts Passed. Referee Hamilton Odell has reported to the

Hugh J. Grant of the St. Nicholas Bank for the eix months ending on Dec. 28 last are correct, and that the receiver is entitled to commissions of \$6,000 for the six months. When Receiver Grant filed his report in June last he had in his hands \$11.715.19, and he collected in the next six months \$51,008.95, making a total of \$660,081.92. He dishursed \$130.734.62, leaving a balance of \$238.347.30. In addition to this he has assets of the face value of \$657,125.20.

NEWBURGH, N. Y., Jan. 19,-The Corning mill

in the powder works of the Laffin & Rand Company, four miles west of this city, blew up at 10:45 this morning, instantly killing Tho Condon, 31 years of age, who was at work alone in the mill. The cause of the explosion is not known. The explosion wrecked the building and blew the roof across the trolley wire of the Newburgh and Orange Lake Electric Reliway, stopping all travel.

DENVEY, Col., Jan. 19.—Despatches from west-ern Colorado say that thirty-six inches of anow fell yesterday, blocksdring railroads and wagon roads.

MRS. WOLFF'S BAD MISTAKE

SHE TRIED TO MARRY ANNIR WIN-TERMAN TO TWO MEN AT ONCE.

Each Paid Her a Commission for Finding Him a Bride-When They Discovered Each Other There Was a Row with Mrs. Wolf-Satisfactorily Adjusted at Last.

Under the unassuming title of an employment agency, Mrs. Wolff of 784 Third avenue carried on a business in the interests of Cupid and Hymen and all the other gods that conspire to keep the population up to the mark. She doesn't call her business a matrimonial agency, and she isn't precisely what is called a shatchen, but, for a consideration, she brings together young persons matrimonially inclined and helps to make easy for them the course of true love. Such young persons were Miss Annie Winter-man and Mr. H. H. G. Schulter. Such also was Ferdinand Doll, who lives in the same house with Schulter at 197 Smith street, Brooklyn. In their case the course of true love hasn't run smooth mainly on account of an error on the part of Mrs. Wolff.

In Mrs. Wolff's list of eligible young ladies Miss Annie Winterman stood high. She was rated financially at sums varying from \$20,000 to \$56,000, a rating mainly imaginary. Her catalogue of charms and merits included black eyes, dark hair, a good figure, ready intelligence, steady habits, pleasant disposition, and ability as a housekeeper. This, Mrs. Wolff thought, ought to prove a drawing combination alone, not reckoning the fortune back of it, which was calculated to make the charm quite irresistible. Therefore when, in answer to a general and carefully worded advertisement, young Mr. H. H. G. Schulter called to inquire what Mrs. Wolff had in the line of matrimonial possibilities, suited to a steady going young German who drove a baker's cart and had saved up a little money, the agent became very enthusi astic on the subject of Miss Winterman.

"Just the girl you're looking for," she assured him. "Neat and nice as a pin. Make you just the wife you want. You'll have the happiest little German home in New Yo-k. And she's got \$20,000. Just think of that. It's o fortune. You can start a big business of your own on it. Now, you leave \$5 deposit here and I'll arrange a meeting for you."

In great expectancy Schulter, having deposited the \$5, waited for the appointed time, and presented himself, dressed up in his best clothes. At the termination of the interview he was not permitted to escort his inamorata to her home but was told he might write to her, addressing

but was told he might write to her, addressing his letters in care of Mrs. Wagner, 222 East Fifty-second street.

"She's quite taken with you, I can tell you," Mrs. Wolff assured him. "It's a certain match if you're smart. What did you think of her?" "Is it sure about that \$20,000?" inquired the young man cautiously, in reply,

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"It's all right, then. She'll do."

Then Schulter went home to Brooklyn, and kept his neighbor in the next room, Ferdinand Doll, up half the night expatiating upon the beauty, excellence, and fortune of the girl he had just met. He kept Doll apprised of his progress; how he got letters from the girl, whose name he didn't mention, and how he was permitted to visit her through the help of Mrs. Wolff, at 50 cents per visit paid to that lady, At length, Schulter's boasts of his good fortune had the usual effect upon his friend.

"I believe I'll try that myself," said Doll, "Maybe I'll have good luck, too."

"Go ahead," advised his chum. "Go right over and see Mrs. Wolff. I've got the best girl she had, but probably she's got some more that are pretty good."

So Doll went over and paid his \$5, in consideration of which he was to get an introduction to a marriageable young lady, with all the virtues, and in addition a fortune, which made that of Schulter's prospective bride fade into insignificance. The meeting took place and the acquaintance was duly made, the privilege of writing to the fair one being accorded to Doll. Of course, the young man was full of glee over his success, for the agent had assured him that it was a case of love at first sight on the girl's part; so when he got home he went straight to Schulter's room to tell him all about it.

"Say, old man," he cried out as he burst into the room, "I've seen her. You ain't in it. She's worth \$00,000." He had put it in round figures, for the rating had been \$56,000.

"Is she any good?" inquired his friend.

"Didn't I tell you she was worth \$50,000 7" returned Doll emphatically.

"Humph! Well, I wouldn't trade with you," retorted Schulter. "Mine's a peach, and twenty thousand's enough for me. Who is your girl, anyway?"

"Oh, she's German girl, and I guess she lives over on East Fifty-second

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"Oh, she'sa German girl, and I guessahe lives over on East Fifty-second street. That's where I write to her, anyway."

"What's that? Fifty-second street? Why, that's where mine lives."

"Like hell." said Doll, profanely. "You're follying."

"Not on your life. Say, do you s'pose that old."

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"Never mind what I suppose. What's your

HARD LUCK OF A BURGLAR.

Chased and Caught by a Woman and Sound-ly Thrashed by a Citizen,

While Mrs. Mary Collins of 205 East 117th treet was at dinner on Friday evening. Michael Maloney, aged 25 years, slipped into the house by the basement, went to the parlor floor and bundled up two suits of clothes. The thief had reached the front stoop when Mrs. Collins discovered him and chased him to Third avenue where she caught him with the clothes under his arm. She grabbed him and asked a young man to hold him until she could find a police-

Maloney tried to break away and the young Maloney tried to break away and the young man thrashed him into submission. Policeman Snyder; relieved him of his prisoner, who was held in \$1,000 bail by Justice Burke in the Harlem Court yesterday morning. The prisoner's face was bruised and his eyes discolored and he seemed to feel worse about being captured by a woman and thrashed by a citizen than about being rated as a burglar.

An Open Letter to Col. Waring from the

MY DEAR COL. WARING: "There are others," and don't you forget it. In your statement in THE SEX this morning you practically reverse the will of the people as shown at the polls on

We all worked hard to turn the rascals out. Do you suppose that if the question had been one of simply changing a few of the highly paid officials, and leaving the thousands of Tammany Hall officeholders in place, that Mayor Strong would have received the majority he did?

We worked and voted, not only to change the Mayor and a few heads of departments, but to Mayor and a few heads of departments, but to put every Tammany man out, and you can be sure of one thing, that if you and the heads of the other departments fail to do what you were elected for, reformers of your type will never get another chance in this town. Our fight was against the whole rotten body, and not the head alone, and since we have killed it we want it buried and buried out of sight.

With a Commissioner from Rhode Island, and deputies from New Jersey and Pennsylvania, and Tammany men retained in all other positions in the Street Cleaning Department, where does reform come in, and how does it benefit New Yorkers?

Will the other States and Territories be able to furnish all the men required in your depart-

Will the other States and Territories be able to furnish all the men required in your depart-Do you or your deputy know anything about local conditions?
Where is Columbus avenue? Where is Maiden lane? Where is Oak street? Where is Broad-

lane? Where is Oak street? Where is Broad-way?
Who is John Sabine Smith? Who is Fred
Gibbs? Who is Jacob Simms? Who is John
A. McCail? Have you ever heard of them?
When a committee representing thousands of
Italian citizens, and headed by the President of
their principal club, recently called on you, and
stated that they desired to speak in behalf of
their friends for positions, why did you reply
the Italians. I want Americans
for this piace?"
Are you equally opposed to Irisk-Americans,

for this place?"

Are you equally opposed to Irish-Americans forman-Americans, and French-Americans? Is not an Italian New Yorker as good as a Rhode Island New Yorker, or a New Jorsey New Yorker, or Fennsylvania New Yorker?

Why did you resently say to a gentleman recommending a comraise for office. "I have no use for Grand Army men. I never joined the Grand Army, and I never will?"

Will you clean out Strong's majority before you begin to clean the streets?

When will New York speed its parting guest? Very respectfully yours.

Thomas Howas, of the Bowery.

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